the State of Uttaranchal under Deendayal Handloom Promotion Scheme (Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana); and

(b) the details of aid provided/aid to be provided to State Government during the year 2002-03 and 2003-04 under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Under the Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY), assistance has been released to the Government of Uttaranchal for margin money, procurement of looms, jacquard, dobby, accessories, setting up of common facility centre, design development, publicity and for training;

(b) Details of aid provided by the Centre to the Government of Uttaranchal during the year 2002-03 are as under:

Sl.No.	Component	Amount Released during 2002-03 (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Margin Money	11.2600
2.	Procurement of Looms	5.5600
3.	Procurement of Jacquard	1.9950
4.	Procurement of Dobby	1.2900
5.	Procurement of Accessories	4.0350
6.	Training to Weavers	10.2095
7.	Setting up of Common Facility Centre	15.0000
8.	Design Development	1.7750
9.	Publicity	3.4000
	TOTAL	54.5245

No assistance has been released so far during the current financial year 2003-04 as no viable proposal has been received from the Government of Uttaranchal.

Insurance cover to powerloom workers

†1921. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether two insurance schemes have been launched to provide insurance cover to powerloom workers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the amount Government propose to give to the powerloom workers as premium;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to launch similar insurance scheme for the people living below poverty line in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) Government of India has introduced a group insurance scheme for powerloom workers in the country, in collaboration with the Life Insurance Corporation of India. The scheme has two components (1) 'Janashri Bima Yojana' of LIC (2) Add on Group Insurance Coverage for Death: The weavers has the option to avail either or both the options

*Under the ***first option,*** on payment of annual subscription of Rs. 40 by the weaver, Central Government will contribute of Rs. 60/- and LIC will provide Rs. 100/- from its Social Security Fund. The weavers will obtain the following coverage on various unforseen events as explained below:—

- On natural death, an assured sum of Rs. 20,000/-;
- On accidental death or permanent total disability, maximum of Rs. 50,000/-;
- On permanent partial disability Rs. 25,000/-
- On predetermined norms, LIC will provide scholarship benefit of Rs. 300/- per quarter/child, for 2 dependent children studying in the classes 9th and 12th under ***Sikhsa Sahayog Yojana*** for a period of four years or till they complete XII standard. The scholarship will be for academic year June to May.
- Under the ***second option,*** on payment Rs. 90/- by the worker, Central Government will pay Rs. 90/- and the worker will obtain the cover of Rs. 30,000/- on natural as well as accidental death.

(c) and (d) No new insurance scheme is proposed to be launched as of now.

Effect of import of Chinese yarn

†1922. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Indian sericulture farmers are facing difficulties because of import of Chinese yarn;

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